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SUBJECT: FY 1974 COMMODITY EXPORTS TO IRAN

BANK OMRAN DIRECTOR AZARMI WILL BE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT MAY 14 TO DISCUSS GOI'S PLANS IMPORT 700,000 MT WHEAT AND 100,000 MT CORN AND BARLEY DURING FY 1974. OMRAN, UNDER PL-480 PTA PROGRAM HAS BEEN KEY FACTOR IN RAPID GROWTH U. S. AGRICULTURAL SALES TO IRAN, BUT IT IS NOW UNDER PRESSURE DEMONSTRATE THAT IT CAN BUY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ON BETTER TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAN CAN BE OBTAINED BY OTHER GROUPS IN GOI. MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES AND RURAL AFFAIRS, WHICH PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED FOR PURCHASE FOODSTUFF ABROAD AND WHICH CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH AUSTRALIAN AND OTHER FOREIGN BUSINESS INTERESTS NOW SEEKING REASSERT ITS POWER IN THE AREA, AND WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR LONG TERM MARKET POSITION HERE WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF PROCUREMENT FUNCTION REVERTS TO MINISTRY COOPERATIVES OR OTHER AGENCY GOI, I KEENLY APPRECIATE THAT PRESENT CURTAILMENT OF PL-480 AND CCC CREDITS LIMITS POWER OF USDA TO BE HELPFUL BUT URGE THE EMS GRANT OMRAN MAXIMUM AMOUNT CCC CREDIT POSSIBLE. IT IS CLEARLY IN U. S. INTEREST TO SUPPORT IRANIAN GROUP WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT MAXIMIZE IRANIAN COMMODITY PURCHASES IN AMERICAN MARKET.

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